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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
NATIONAL EXCHANGE CARRIER ASSOCIATION, INC.
CERTIFICATION OF AVERAGE SCHEDULE FORMULAS FOR
THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001**

File No. ASD 00-19

Released: February 23, 2000

Comment Date: March 17, 2000
Reply Date: March 31, 2000

On December 30, 1999, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed a letter with the Commission signed by Patricia A. Chirico, Executive Director, Tariff, Rates, Costs & Average Schedules, certifying that the directors of NECA believe that no revisions to the average schedule formulas are warranted for the upcoming annual period. According to the letter, “[i]n its 1999 Study, NECA developed a set of average schedule formulas reflecting current cost and demand trends. Although the formulas derived from these data showed both positive and negative changes among individual formulas, the overall effects of revising the formulas would be *de minimis*, (in this instance, less than a 1% change).” Based on these results, NECA determined not to propose revisions to the average schedule formulas and, thus, proposes to retain the current formulas for the upcoming annual period, July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.

Interested parties may file comments no later than March 17, 2000, with the Secretary, FCC, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Replies to these comments should be filed no later than March 31, 2000. Comments should reference File No. ASD 00-19. A copy of each pleading should also be sent to Debbie Byrd, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC, Room 6-C316, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554, and to the Commission’s contractor for public services records duplication, International Transcription Services, Inc. (ITS), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. Copies of NECA’s filing are available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the

FCC's Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Copies also can be obtained from ITS at 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036 or by calling ITS at (202) 857-3800 or faxing ITS at (202) 857-3805.

This proceeding is being treated as a permit, but disclose proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See generally* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), as revised. Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in section 1.1206(b). Interested parties are to file with the Secretary, FCC, and serve Debbie Byrd and ITS, with copies of any written *ex parte* presentations or summaries of oral *ex parte* presentations in these proceedings in the manner specified above.

For further information, please contact George Williams, at (202) 418-0867 (voice), (202) 418-0484 (TTY), e-mail gwilliam@fcc.gov.

Action by the Chief, Accounting Safeguards Division, Common Carrier Bureau, FCC.